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For: ABRASIVE GRAINS CONSISTING OF  
POLYCRYSTALLINE ALUMINA

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

*Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, after the title:*

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**CROSS-REFERENCE RELATED APPLICATION**

The present application is a Continuation Application of 09/913,137 filed January 17, 2002; which is National Stage of PCT/FR00/00299 filed February 9, 2000; which claims priority from French Application FR99/01962 filed February 15, 1999.--

*Please amend the specification as follows:*

*On page 1, please replace the paragraph from lines 19-23 with the following amended paragraph:*

The abrasive grains obtained by grinding electro-fused corundum are, for the most part, made up of hexagonal monocrystals and their mechanical properties are those of